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STATUTES AND RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT AND CONDUCT

OF THE

GENERAL INFIRMARY,

FOR THE RELIEF OF

SICK AND LAME POOR,

AT

NORTHAMPTON.

SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX ESTO.

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STATUTES, &c.

I. THAT this Inſtitution ſhall be known and diſtinguiſhed by the Name and Title of the GENERAL INFIRMARY, at NORTHAMPTON; and that the Management thereof be placed in the Hands of Governors, qualified as herein after-mentioned.

II. That this Society conſiſt of a Grand Viſitor, Preſident, Governors, and ſuch a Number of Officers and Servants as ſhall, from Time to Time, be judged neceſſary.

III. That all Benefactors of Twenty Guineas, or upwards, at one Time, be Governors during Life.

IV. That all Subſcribers of Two Guineas, or more, per Annum, be Governors during Payment.

V. That a General Court of Governors be held four ſtated Times in every Year,

viz. the firſt *Saturday* in *Auguſt*, the firſt *Saturday* in *November*, the firſt *Saturday* in *February*, and the firſt *Saturday* in *May*, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon of each Day, to take the Reports of the Committees, to inſpect the Accounts, and tranſact ſuch other Buſineſs as ſhall be laid before them.

VI. That an Anniverſary Meeting of all the Contributors be held on ſuch Day as the Governors at the General Court in *Auguſt* ſhall appoint, by Advertiſement in the *Northampton Mercury*.

VII. That one of the Governors be annually elected Treaſurer at the General Court in *Auguſt*.

VIII. That the Treaſurer give Security to ſuch Perſons as the General Court in *Auguſt* ſhall appoint, for the due accounting for and paying of the Money he ſhall, from Time to Time, receive for the Uſe of the Infirmary.

IX. That the Treaſurer ſhall deliver every Week to the Committee an Account of all the Monies which he ſhall have received for the Benefit of the Charity, with the Names of thoſe by whom they have been paid.

X. That

X. That all Subſcriptions, Benefactions and Legacies be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer, who ſhall pay all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be ordered to be paid by any General Court, or Weekly Committee, ſignified to him under the Hand of the Chairman of ſuch Court or Committee, and counterſigned by the Secretary.

XI. That there be a Weekly Committee, which ſhall conſiſt of five Perſons at leaſt, to meet every *Saturday* at Eleven o'Clock, at the INFIRMARY, to inſpect the Obſervations of the Houſe-Viſitors, regulate all Matters relating to the Admiſſion and Diſcharge of Patients, enquire into the Conduct of Officers and Servants, examine and paſs Accounts, prepare Matters for the General Court, and tranſact ſuch other Affairs, as ſhall be committed to their Direction by the ſame.

XII. That all Perſons qualified to be Governors as before-mentioned, ſhall be entitled to be of the Weekly Committee; and that the Stated Court in *Auguſt* ſhall nominate a ſufficient Number from the Liſt of Subſcribers of One Guinea per Annum, to be Members of the Weekly Committee, and that every Subſcriber ſo appointed, ſhall have the Right of voting in ſuch Committee. XIII. That

XIII. That the Grand Viſitor, and Preſident, ſhall each of them have the Power to ſummon a Special Court, at whatever Time they ſhall judge neceſſary, giving ten Days' Notice, at leaſt, by Advertiſement in the *Northampton Mercury*.

XIV. That the Weekly Committee, or any ten of the Governors, by a Writing under their Hands, delivered to the Apothecary or Matron of the Infirmary, ſhall alſo have the Power of calling a Special Court on giving the like Notice.

XV. That the Buſineſs intended to be brought forwards at every Special Court, ſhall be particularly expreſſed in the Advertiſement to convene the ſame; and that the Judgment and Determination thereof, reſpecting ſuch ſpecial Buſineſs, ſhall be final and concluſive.

XVI. That the Grand Viſitor, or in his Abſence the Preſident, ſhall be Chairman at all Courts, Committees, and Meetings of the Subſcribers; and that in the Abſence of both of them, the Majority of the Governors preſent, may, from Time to Time, appoint their own Chairman.

XVII. That at all Courts and Committees, every Perſon in ſpeaking ſhall addreſs himſelf immediately to the Chairman, who ſhall

ſhall propoſe all Queſtions; and if a Diſpute or Difference ſhall ariſe on any Queſtion, ſuch Queſtion ſhall be fairly ſtated by him, and be determined by Ballot, if required, by three or more Members preſent; and in Caſe the Votes are equal, the Chairman ſhall have a caſting Vote.

XVIII. That the Chairman ſhall not refuſe to propoſe any Queſtion, or have Power to adjourn or diſſolve any Meeting, without the Conſent of a Majority, until the Buſineſs be wholly finiſhed; and in Caſe of his refuſing to propoſe any Queſtion, or his attempting to adjourn or diſſolve any Meeting, the Majority preſent may conſtitute and appoint another Governor to act as Chairman, in the ſame Manner as if the firſt Chairman was abſent.

XIX. That all Elections be made by Ballot, if required, by three Members preſent.

XX. That no Perſon's Vote ſhall be allowed either as a Governor, or as a Member of the Weekly Committee, whoſe Subſcription is not paid up to the Time of his voting.

XXI. That when a Ballot is taken, every Governor ſubſcribing Two Guineas, or more, per Annum, or giving a Benefaction

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of Twenty Guineas, ſhall have two Votes; and thoſe that ſubſcribe Five Guineas, or more, per Annum, or having given a Benefaction of Fifty Guineas, or more, ſhall have three Votes.

XXII. That no new Subſcriber or Benefactor ſhall have a Right to vote at any General or Special Court, or Committee, unleſs he or ſhe ſhall have paid his or her Subſcription four Months, at leaſt, previous to the Holding of ſuch Courts or Committees.

XXIII. That in all Elections where there are more than two Candidates, if a Majority of the whole Number of Votes does not appear for any one Candidate upon the firſt Scrutiny, the Chairman ſhall proceed to a ſecond Election, leaving out the Candidate who has the feweſt Votes, and ſo on till a Majority be found.

XXIV. That Ladies be allowed to vote by Proxy at Elections (the Proxy being a Governor) in the ſame Manner as Subſcribers of equal Value; but that no other Proxy be allowed on any Occaſion whatever.

XXV. That at every General Court, the Proceedings of the laſt General Court; and at every Weekly Committee, the Proceedings of the laſt Weekly Committee, together with

with the Names of the Members preſent, ſhall be read over and ſigned by their reſpective Chairman before any other Buſineſs is begun; and that no Orders of either Board (thoſe of the General Court in *Auguſt* excepted) ſhall continue longer in Force, unleſs approved of and confirmed by ſuch ſubſequent Board.

XXVI. That at the General Stated Court in *Auguſt*, a Committee be appointed to draw up a Report of the State of the Infirmary, and of the Number of Patients received and diſcharged in the Year paſt, together with an Abſtract of the Proceedings of the Governors, and of the Accounts of the Infirmary for the foregoing Year; which Report ſhall be read at the Anniverſary Meeting, at which all the Contributors ſhall have a Right to be preſent; but that no other Buſineſs whatever be tranſacted at the Anniverſary Meeting.

XXVII. That at the General Court in *Auguſt*, two Subſcribers (the Treaſurer and Gentlemen of the Faculty excepted) be annually choſen to inſpect and audit the Accounts of the Infirmary for the enſuing Year; and to report the State of the Accounts, from Time to Time, to the General Courts, and alſo to the Weekly Committee when required.

XXVIII. That all Subſcriptions for the current Year be deemed to become due on the firſt Day of *Auguſt*, at which Period the Year is ſuppoſed to commence; and that all new Subſcriptions be conſidered as taking Place on that Day; nevertheleſs, Subſcriptions will be taken in at all Times; and any Perſon ſubſcribing at any other Time than at the Stated Court in *Auguſt*, ſhall have it in his or her Option whether his or her Subſcription ſhall be deemed to commence from the preceding or following *Auguſt*.

XXIX. That there ſhall not be more than two Phyſicians elected to the Care of this Infirmary, who ſhall engage to attend it Gratis; and that each of them ſhall have all the Privileges of Subſcribers of Two Guineas per Annum.

XXX. That in Conſideration of the long and able Services of Dr. KERR to this Charity, as principal Surgeon in Ordinary —*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That he be deſired to continue in the ſame Situation, with reſpect to the Surgical Duty of the Houſe, as he was in the Old County Hoſpital, under the Denomination of Superintending Surgeon.

XXXI. That not more than two Surgeons in Ordinary be elected to the Care of this

this Infirmary, who ſhall engage to attend it Gratis; and that each of them ſhall have all the Privileges of Subſcribers of Two Guineas per Annum.

XXXII. That there ſhall be a Matron, an Apothecary (who ſhall alſo be ſtiled the Houſe-Surgeon) and a Secretary, each of whom ſhall have the Salary herein after-mentioned.

XXXIII. That as often as any Vacancy ſhall happen in the Office of Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary, the Weekly Committee ſhall ſummon a Special Court, giving a Notice of not leſs than fourteen Days in the *Northampton Mercury*, and in any two of the *London* Newſpapers, to fill up the Vacancy.

XXXIV. That ſuch Phyſicians and Surgeons as are duly elected to the Care of the Infirmary, ſhall remain in their reſpective Offices ſo long as they continue to diſcharge properly the Duties thereof.

XXXV. That as often as a Vacancy ſhall happen in the Office of Matron, or Secretary, the Weekly Committee ſhall elect proper Perſons to fill up the Vacancies, giving Notice of not leſs than fourteen Days in the *Northampton Mercury*.

 XXXVI. That

XXXVI. That the Weekly Committee ſhall have the Power of ſuſpending the Matron, Apothecary, and Secretary, but that the Cauſe of ſuch Suſpenſion ſhall be entered on the Minutes of the Committee, and reported to the next General Court, whoſe Judgment and Determination upon the Caſe ſhall be final and concluſive; and, in the mean Time, the Committee ſhall appoint a proper Perſon to do the Duty of the Perſon ſo ſuſpended.

XXXVII. That the Weekly Committee ſhall have the Power to appoint and diſcharge Nurſes, and all other Servants.

XXXVIII. That two or more of the Subſcribers, reſiding in or near the Town of *Northampton*, be deſired (in the Order in which they ſtand in the Annual Report) at the Weekly Board, to viſit the Houſe once every Day for the enſuing Week; each of whom, in Caſe of Sickneſs, or neceſſary Avocation, may appoint another Subſcriber to be his Deputy.

XXXIX. That the General Courts contract with the Tradeſmen in general for Proviſions, and ſuch other Articles as may be wanted for the Uſe of the Infirmary; and that they direct ſealed Propoſals for furniſhing

furniſhing the ſame, to be delivered to the Secretary by Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon of the Days on which the Courts ſit.

XL. That the Secretary ſhall ſend the following Monitory Letter to all Perſons whoſe Subſcriptions are three Months in Arrear, to prevent further Delay of Payment; all Subſcriptions being ſuppoſed to continue, unleſs the Subſcriber orders the contrary by Letter:

I Am to acquaint you, that it appears by the Treaſurer's Accounts, that your Subſcription of per Annum, payable on the Firſt *of* Auguſt *laſt, has not been received for Year: It is therefore the Requeſt of this Stated Court, (and they hope for the Continuance of your Favour) that you will pleaſe to pay it to of* Northampton, *our preſent Treaſurer; or to Meſſrs. in* London, *our preſent Bankers; and to excuſe this Application, which is meant only to inform you how much of your Subſcription is now in Arrear, as is uſually done by other Infirmaries in the like Caſe.*

Signed by Order of the General Stated Court of Governors,

A. B. Secretary.

XLI. That

XLI. That the Accounts of the Infirmary be examined at every Board, and that all Bills be diſcharged by a Draft on the Treaſurer, or Banker, ſigned by the Chairman, and counter-ſigned by the Secretary, after they have been allowed by the General Court or Committee.

XLII. That Poor Boxes be ſet up in ſuch Places as a General Court ſhall direct, to each of which there ſhall be two Locks, the Key of the One to be kept by the Treaſurer, and of the Other by ſuch Perſon as the Court ſhall appoint; the Boxes to be opened at the Diſcretion of the Weekly Committee, and the Money therein collected to be applied to the Uſe of the Infirmary.

XLIII. That no Officer, or other Perſon related to the Infirmary, do at any Time preſume (on Pain of Expulſion) to give to, or take of, any Tradeſman, Patient, Stranger, Servant, or other Perſon, any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity, of any Kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service done, or to be done, on Account of the Infirmary.

XLIV. That every Complaint againſt any Officer belonging to this Charity, for Neglect or Miſconduct in the Diſcharge of his

his Duty, ſhall be entered upon the Minutes of the Weekly Committee, and referred to the next General Court, who ſhall minutely enquire into the Grounds of the Complaint, and give Judgment accordingly; which Judgment, even to Expulſion, ſhall be final and concluſive.

XLV. That any Officer belonging to this Infirmary, who ſhall have been expelled for Neglect of Duty, or any other Miſconduct, ſhall never again be capable of being elected into the Office he formerly held, or into any other belonging to the Infirmary.

XLVI. That the Apothecary, Matron, and all other Servants belonging to the Houſe, be free from the Burden of Children, and the Care of a Family.

XLVII. That Tables of the Rules and Orders which relate to the Conduct of the Officers, Patients, or Servants, be hung up in ſuch Parts of the Houſe as the Weekly Committee, from Time to Time, ſhall think proper.

XLVIII. That every Phyſician and Surgeon, who ſhall have filled their reſpective Offices in the Houſe for twenty Years, or upwards, ſhall, upon their Reſignation, be,

be, of Right, Phyſician and Surgeon Extraordinary to this Infirmary.

XLIX. That the Phyſicians and Surgeons Extraordinary be called in to all General Conſultations of the Faculty, but that they do not interfere, in any Shape, with the uſual Buſineſs of the Houſe.

PHYSICIANS

PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS.

I. THAT one Phyſician and one Surgeon ſhall attend, by Rotation, at the Infirmary, every *Saturday*, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to examine thoſe who ſhall be recommended for Patients, to certify their Opinions of the ſeveral Caſes to the Weekly Committee, and to receive under their Care ſuch as ſhall be admitted.

II. That the Phyſicians and Surgeons do meet at the Infirmary, every *Wedneſday*, at Nine o'Clock in the Morning, to viſit their In-Patients, and to conſult upon different Caſes.

III. That the Phyſicians and Surgeons viſit their reſpective In-Patients at other Times as they ſhall judge neceſſary, or ſhall have Notice of any ſudden Emergency from the Apothecary or Matron.

IV. That no Amputation, or other great Operation, (except an urgent Occaſion require it) be performed without a previous Conſultation of the Phyſicians and Surgeons; and no one ſhall be admitted to ſee

the Preſcriptions or Practice of the Phyſicians, nor the Operations or Practice of the Surgeons, without their reſpective Conſents.

V. That no Phyſician or Surgeon, belonging to the Infirmary, preſume to order for, or intermeddle with the Patients who are not under his own Care, except deſired by the Perſon whoſe Patients they are.

VI. That each Phyſician or Surgeon, whoſe Buſineſs or Indiſpoſition ſhall oblige him to be abſent, engage ſome other Phyſician or Surgeon of the Infirmary, and no other, to attend for him.

VII. That all Drugs, Medicines, and Inſtruments, neceſſary for the Cure of the Patients of this Infirmary, be provided under the Directions of the Faculty; and that every Order for ſuch Drugs, Medicines, and Inſtruments, be ſigned by the Phyſician and Surgeon of the Week, and alſo by the Chairman of the Weekly Committee.

VIII. That the Phyſicians and Surgeons do inſpect the Drugs, Medicines, and Inſtruments, as often as they ſhall think fit, to ſee that they are of a proper Quality, and that they are duly taken Care of by the Apothecary.

IX. That

IX. That no Phyſician or Surgeon, who does not engage to have his uſual Reſidence in the Town of *Northampton*, ſhall be elected to be Phyſician or Surgeon of this Infirmary.

X. That all Patients be under the Care of the Phyſician or Surgeon, or both, who receive them on the Day of their Admiſſion.

XI. That each Phyſician, and each Surgeon, be allowed to take not more than three Pupils; but that no Phyſician's Pupil be permitted to ſee the Practice of the Surgeons, nor the Pupil of the Surgeons to ſee the Practice of the Phyſicians, without their reſpective Conſents.

XII. That all the In-Patients be dreſſed before Nine in the Morning, from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*, and before Ten, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*.

XIII. That no Pupil be allowed to remain in the Houſe, after the Phyſicians or Surgeons have quitted it, without ſpecial Leave from the Committee.

XIV. That the Pupils behave reſpectfully to the Officers belonging to the Charity, with Decency and Propriety to the Patients; and conform, in all Things, to

the Rules and Orders of the Houſe, and to the Regulations for their Conduct, laid down by the Phyſicians, Surgeons, and Apothecary, on Pain of being excluded from attending the Infirmary.

ADMISSION

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. THAT the Sick and Lame Poor, of all Counties, be equally entitled to Admiſſion in this Infirmary.

II. That no Patients be admitted by Recommendation of a Subſcriber, or diſcharged, but on *Saturday*, between the Hours of Eleven and One, by the Weekly Committee.

III. That the Weekly Committee, whilſt ſitting, have the Power to admit Patients, without a Recommendation from a Subſcriber.

IV. That no Perſon be admitted a Patient, but by a Recommendation of a Subſcriber or Benefactor, (except as in the foregoing Rule) unleſs in Caſes of Accident or ſudden Emergency, which admit of no Delay; in which Caſes, the Phyſician or Surgeon of the

the Week (according as the Caſe may be) ſhall direct the Apothecary, or Matron, to receive the Patient immediately.

V. That the Form of Recommendation be in the Manner, or to the Effect following:

To the GOVERNORS *of the* GENERAL INFIRMARY, *at* Northampton.

GENTLEMEN,

I Deſire you will admit, if a proper Object of the Charity with Regard to the Diſtemper, (being well ſatisfied is ſo as to Circumſtances) the Bearer of the Pariſh of in the County of to be an -Patient of the General-Infirmary; and you will oblige,

Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant,

Age,
Ill,
Diſtemper,
Caution paid by

Receiving Phyſician.
Receiving Surgeon.

VI. That in Caſe the Houſe ſhall be full at the Time of ſuch Recommendation, then

then the following Letter ſhall be ſent to the Perſon recommending:

ACCORDING to the Rules and Orders of this Infirmary, I beg Leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you for an In-Patient, could not be received in the Houſe this Day, for Want of Room; but is now entered regularly in our Books as an In-Patient, and will be admitted into the Houſe as ſoon as there is a proper Vacancy, and in the mean while is aſſiſted as an Out-Patient.

A. B. Chairman of the Committee now ſitting.

Secretary.

GENERAL INFIRMARY,
at *Northampton.*

VII. That no Patients be admitted who are able to ſubſiſt themſelves, and pay for Attendance, Medicines, and Dreſſings.

VIII. That every Subſcriber ſhall have a Right to recommend one In-Patient and two Out-Patients within the Year, for every Guinea which he or ſhe ſubſcribes; and that every Benefactor of Ten Guineas at any one Time, ſhall have the ſame Privileges as a Subſcriber of One Guinea per Annum; and a Benefactor of Twenty Guineas

neas the ſame as a Subſcriber of Two Guineas; and greater Subſcribers and Benefactors in the ſame Proportion.

IX. That whenever there is Want of Room in the Infirmary, for the Admiſſion of ſuch In-Patients as are recommended, the Preference ſhall be given, in Caſes of equal Emergency, Firſt, to Patients who live at the greateſt Diſtance from the Infirmary; Secondly, to thoſe who ſhall not have recommended any In-Patients within the Year of their Subſcription; and in the Third Place, to thoſe ſent by the greateſt Subſcribers or Benefactors to the Charity: And that ſuch as are excluded at any Time, for Want of Room, ſhall be forthwith entered in the Books as In-Patients, and afterwards received into the Houſe on the firſt Vacancies which ſhall happen, whether on the next diſcharging Day or before; and in the mean while be relieved with Medicines and Dreſſings, as Out-Patients.

X. That every Letter of Recommendation ſhall be delivered to the Apothecary, and the Patient be brought to the Houſe along with it, by Ten o'Clock on *Saturday* Morning; and that the Apothecary ſhall then deliver all the Letters of Medical Patients to the Phyſician of the Week, and thoſe

thoſe of the Surgical to the Surgeon of the Week.

XI. That no Woman big with Child, no Children under ſeven Years of Age, (except in Compound Fractures, and in ſuch particular Caſes where the greater Operations are to be performed, ſuch as Cutting for the Stone, Couching, Trepanning, and Amputations) no Perſons diſordered in their Senſes, (until a proper Ward ſhall be provided for their Reception) or ſuſpected to have the Small-Pox, Meaſles, Itch, or other infectious Diſtempers; nor any who are apprehended to be in a Conſumption or incurable, be admitted as In-Patients, on any Account whatever; or, if inadvertently admitted, be permitted to ſtay in the Infirmary.

XII. That no Perſons, who are ſuſpected to have the Venereal Diſeaſe, be admitted as In-Patients; or, if inadvertently admitted, be permitted to ſtay in the Infirmary; unleſs the Weekly Committee, conſiſting of at leaſt five Members, ſhall, on due Conſideration of the Circumſtances of the Caſe, think proper to admit them.

XIII. That no Venereal Patient, whether In or Out, be, on any Recommendation

whatever, admitted a ſecond Time, having once received a Cure in the Infirmary.

XIV. That when the Patients are cured, they be enjoined by the Chairman to return Thanks in their reſpective Places of Worſhip.

XV. That Soldiers, and Militia-Men when embodied, who have no Surgeon to take Care of them, be admitted as In-Patients, provided their Officers, or Others, engage to pay their Subſiſtence-Money during their Continuance in the Houſe.

XVI. That every Benefactor, or Annual Subſcriber, who is qualified to recommend Patients, may, by a Note under his or her Hand, delivered to the Treaſurer or Secretary, appoint a Perſon to recommend proper Objects to the Infirmary, in the Name of ſuch Subſcriber or Benefactor.

XVII. That all In-Patients be diſcharged at the End of Two Months after their Admiſſion, unleſs the Phyſician or Surgeon who attend them ſhall certify to the Weekly Board, that there is a probability of their being cured, or receiving conſiderable Relief by being permitted to remain longer in the Houſe.

XVIII. That

XVIII. That the Caſes of Patients to be recommended to the Infirmary from Places at a remote Diſtance, may be ſent, drawn up by ſome Phyſician, Surgeon, or Apothecary in their Neighbourhood, Poſt-paid, to which an Anſwer ſhall be returned, whether and when they ſhall be admitted; but the Committee, nevertheleſs, ſhall be at Liberty to reject ſuch Patients, if, upon Examination by the Phyſicians and Surgeons of the Infirmary, their Caſes appear to have been miſrepreſented.

XIX. That Pariſhes by any one of their Officers, Townſhips, Bodies Corporate, or Societies by any one of their reſpective Members, may become Subſcribers to the Infirmary, and have the Power of recommending Patients in the ſame Proportion as other Annual Subſcribers of like Value, but ſhall not act in any other Reſpect as Governors.

XX. That, over and above the ſtated Number of Beds in the Infirmary, there be kept always in Readineſs four Beds, viz. two for Men and two for Women, to receive Strangers or Others, who, with broken Limbs, or from other dreadful Accidents, ſtand in Need of immediate Relief; and that ſuch Caſes be admitted without Re-

commendation, as already mentioned in Rule IV.—But if, upon Enquiry into the Circumſtances of ſuch Patients, they are found to be improper Objects (in that Reſpect) of the Charity, they ſhall be charged with their Subſiſtence, Medicines, and Dreſſings, for the Benefit of the Infirmary, and with the Attendance that has been given them by the Gentlemen of the Faculty.

XXI. That no Perſon be admitted, or ſuffered to remain an In-Patient, whoſe Caſe may be equally relieved as an Out-Patient.

XXII. That every In-Patient be ſent to the Infirmary in decent Cloathing, and free from Vermin, and with proper Change of Linen.

XXIII. That in Caſe any Perſon, recommended for an In- or Out-Patient, be thought improper to be received as ſuch, then the following Letter ſhall be ſent to the Perſon recommending him or her:

ACCORDING to the Rules and Orders of this Infirmary, I beg Leave to acquaint you, that

recommended by you for an In (or Out) Patient,

Patient, appears improper to be admitted as ſuch.

A. B. Chairman of the Committee now ſitting.

Secretary.

GENERAL INFIRMARY, at *Northampton.*

XXIV. That no In-Patient ſhall be admitted till Fifteen Shillings be depoſited into the Hands of the Secretary to defray the Expence of Burial, in Caſe of his or her Death; which ſhall be repaid when he or ſhe ſhall be diſcharged, deducting the Expence of Removal, and other neceſſary Expences, the Neceſſity of which ſhall be left to the Weekly Committee to determine.

XXV. That the Weekly Committee have Power to receive In-Patients without Caution-Money, when they ſhall judge it neceſſary; but that this is not to extend to Patients recommended by Pariſhes.

XXVI. That whenever a Patient is diſcharged for Non attendance, or Irregularity, the Recommender of ſuch Patient ſhall be acquainted therewith, by a Letter in the ſubſequent Form:

THE Committee, on Examination, being fully aſſured of the irregular Behaviour,

(or

(or wilful Non-attendance) of
recommended by you, have this Day
diſcharged ; and beg Leave to acquaint
you, that it is contrary to our Rules and Orders
ever to admit . to be a Patient again, after
ſuch an Offence.

A. B. Chairman of the
Committee now ſitting.

Secretary.

GENERAL INFIRMARY,
at *Northampton.*

XXVII. That the Out-Patients reſiding in the Country be ordered to attend at the Infirmary on ſuch *Saturdays*, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that the Out-Patients reſiding in or near the Town of *Northampton*, be ordered to attend on ſuch other Days in the Week, as their Phyſicians or Surgeons ſhall appoint.

XXVIII. That none of theſe Statutes or Rules be altered or repealed, except at the Stated Court in *Auguſt*, twenty or more Governors being preſent, and not even then without fourteen Days Notice given in the *Northampton Mercury* of the particular Statute or Rule which is propoſed to be altered or repealed.

RULES

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TO BE OBSERVED BY THE INFIRMARY-APOTHECARY.

I. THAT the Apothecary ſhall fix two Tickets on each Patient's Bed; one ſpecifying the Name of the Patient, together with that of the Phyſician, Surgeon, or both occaſionally; and the other the Diet according to the Preſcription of ſuch Phyſician or Surgeon; and that he ſhall take Care the Tickets ſo fixed do exactly correſpond with the Phyſician's or Surgeon's Book; and ſhall give a Liſt thereof to the Matron on each preſcribing Day.

II. That he keep a Diet-Book of the Number of Patients on each Diet.

III. That he go into the Wards every Morning, and enquire into the reſpective State of the Patients' Healths; whether the Medicines preſcribed have been taken, and what Effect they have had; and that he do make a daily Report of the ſame to the Phyſicians

Phyſicians and Surgeons, at the Hour and Place which they ſhall appoint.

IV. That he make a Report to the Weekly Board of any Patients that ſhall have been received into the Houſe in the foregoing Week.

V. That he do not preſume to practiſe as Apothecary or Surgeon out of the Houſe; or attend any other Buſineſs than that of the Infirmary.

VI. That he take Care of the Shop, Utenſils, Medicines, and Inſtruments, and ſee that none of them be waſted, ſpoiled, or embezzled; and that he make up and deliver out the Medicines according to the Directions of the Phyſicians and Surgeons.

VII. That he never be employed to buy any Drugs or Medicines for the Uſe of the Infirmary, without an Order under the Hand of one of the Faculty, when there is no Room for Delay: And that no Drugs or Medicines brought into the Shop be put into their Places till they have been firſt inſpected by the Faculty.

VIII. That he lay upon the Table of the Committee-Room, every *Saturday*, a Liſt of ſuch Patients as have been in the Houſe

two Months together; with the Number of Patients upon full and low Diet.

IX. That the Apothecary and Matron be not out at the ſame Time.

X. That he never be abſent from the Infirmary, on any Account, above two Hours together; or for any leſs Time, without acquainting the Matron where he is to be found, and be within Call: That he be always in the Infirmary at the Time the Phyſicians and Surgeons attend there: That he be at Home at Ten o'Clock at fartheſt in the Evening, and do not lie out of the Houſe without ſpecial Leave from the Preſident, or two ſtanding Members of the Weekly Committee: That in ſuch Caſe he appoint another Apothecary, who ſhall be approved of by the Faculty, to officiate in his Place; and that he obſerve all theſe Things, on Pain of Diſmiſſion.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

SECRETARY.

I. THAT he be preſent at all General Courts, at the Weekly Board, and all Meetings of the Committee at the Hours appointed; and that he receive ſuch Satisfaction for his Trouble as the Committee ſhall appoint, to be approved of at the Stated Court in *Auguſt*.

II. That he do not preſume to move any Thing, or offer his Opinion in any Debate, but by expreſs Leave for that Purpoſe: And that he keep the Books and Accounts in a methodical Manner, and do all ſuch other Buſineſs, as is requiſite and commonly done by Secretaries or Regiſters at other Infirmaries; and that he do not preſume to divulge any of the Proceedings relating to the Infirmary.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

MATRON.

I. THAT the Matron take Care of all the Houſehold Goods and Furniture, according to the Inventory given her, and that ſhe be ready to give an Account thereof, when required.

II. That ſhe weigh and meaſure all the Proviſion and Neceſſaries that come into the Houſe, and keep a Daily Account thereof to be given in to the Weekly Board every *Saturday*, and never ſuffer any of them to be carried out: That ſhe overſee the Patients and Servants; take Care that the Wards, Chambers, Beds, Cloaths, Linen, and all other Things within the Infirmary, be kept clean; and that, to theſe Ends, all the Patients and Servants ſhall be ſubmiſſive and obedient to her.

III. That ſhe keep a Diet-Book, by which the Number of Patients on each Diet

may be known; and wherein proper Entrances of the Goodneſs, Weight, and Diſtribution of the Proviſions ſhall be diſtinctly made.

IV. That ſhe go into each Ward every Morning and Evening, and cauſe the Name of all the Patients to be called over; and that ſhe enter into the Houſe-Viſitor's Book the Names of the Patients who are abſent at ſuch Time from their reſpective Wards without her Leave, or who have in any other Reſpect tranſgreſſed the Rules of the Infirmary.

V. That ſhe take Care of the Keys of the Doors; and ſee that the Outer Gates be always locked at Ten in the Evening, and not opened before Seven in the Morning, from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*; and locked at Ten in the Evening, and not opened before Six in the Morning, from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*; unleſs ordered otherwiſe by the Committee, or in Caſes of great Emergency for the Service of Patients.

VI. That ſhe ſee all the Nurſes, Servants, and Patients, do their Duty, and obſerve the Rules of the Houſe; and that, in Caſe of Miſbehaviour or Neglect, ſhe acquaint the Committee or Houſe-Viſitor therewith.

VII. That

VII. That ſhe do not receive any Patient into the Infirmary without an Order from the Committee, except in Caſes of Accident.

RULES

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FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE

NURSES.

I. THAT the Nurſes clean their reſpective Wards before Seven o'Clock in the Morning, from the Firſt of *March* to the Firſt of *October*; and before Eight from the Firſt of *October* to the Firſt of *March*.

II. That the Nurſes, and other Servants, be very diligent in complying with the Orders of the Apothecary and Matron; and that they behave themſelves with Tenderneſs to the Patients.

III. The Nurſes are ſtrictly charged to inform the Houſe-Viſitor, or the Apothecary, or Matron, in Caſe any of the Rules reſpecting the In-Patients are broke through.

IV. Any Nurſe, or other Servant, removed for Miſbehaviour, or Neglect, will loſe their Annual Gratuity, and can never again be taken into the Service of the Infirmary.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

IN-PATIENTS.

I. THAT no Patient do go out of the Infirmary without Leave firſt obtained from their Phyſician or Surgeon; or, in their Abſence, from the Apothecary.

II. That no Patient do ſit up after Eight o'Clock in the Winter, or Nine in the Summer; and that every Patient, who is judged able by his Phyſician or Surgeon, do riſe by Seven in the Summer, and by Eight in the Winter.

III. That the Patients conſtantly attend Prayers; and that they do not curſe, or ſwear, or uſe any abuſive Language, but behave themſelves orderly and decently.

IV. That no Men-Patients go into the Women's Wards; or Women-Patients into the Men's Wards.

V. That no Patients preſume to play at Cards, Dice, or any other Game, or ſmoke in

in the Wards, or elſewhere within the Infirmary.

VI. That ſuch of the Patients as are able to work do aſſiſt the Nurſes, and other Servants, in nurſing the Patients, waſhing and ironing the Linen, waſhing and cleaning the Wards, and in doing ſuch other Buſineſs as the Apothecary or Matron ſhall require.

VII. That no Liquors, or Proviſions of any Sort, be brought into the Infirmary to the Patients, from their Friends or others.

VIII. That no Patients do preſume to give to their Friends who come to ſee them, or others, any of their Allowance of Bread, Meat, or Beer.

IX. That no Patients be, on any Account, ſuffered to drink Tea in the Wards, or elſewhere within the Infirmary; and that the Matron or Apothecary do report all Offences againſt this Order to the next Committee.

X. That no Stranger be permitted to go into the Infirmary, to ſee any of the Patients, before Eleven in the Morning, or after Six in the Evening.

XI. Every

XI. Every Patient, offending againſt the above Rules will be diſcharged for Irregularity; and ſuch Perſon can never be admitted again on any Recommendation whatſoever.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

OUT-PATIENTS.

I. THAT they attend exactly at the Time appointed; and that if they abſent themſelves twice together, without Leave from their Phyſician or Surgeon, they ſhall be diſcharged.

II. That no Medicines be given them till they deliver their Phials, Gallipots, and ſuch Medicines, &c. as they have not taken.

III. That no Patient diſcharged for Irregularity, or diſorderly Behaviour, be ever received again on any Recommendation whatſoever.

IV. That no Out-Patient preſume to loiter about the Infirmary-Gate, or Premiſes adjoining, but that they come directly into the Place appointed to receive them; and that, as ſoon as their Buſineſs is diſpatched, they return to their reſpective Houſes, on Pain of being diſcharged for irregular Behaviour.

RULES

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TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

PORTER.

I. THAT he attend at the Gate, and do not ſuffer any In-Patient to go out of the Infirmary till he be ſatisfied ſuch Patient has leave for that Purpoſe; and that he inform the Matron of every Stranger that comes into the Infirmary.

II. That whenever he ſhall be abſent upon the Buſineſs of the Houſe, he give Notice to the Matron, that another be appointed to do his Duty, and attend at the Gate, till his Return.

III. That he carry every Summons ſent out; attend all Meetings of the Governors or Committee; and obey all the Orders of them, the Apothecary, &c.

IV. That when he is not otherwiſe employed by a Court of Governors, the Committee, or Apothecary, he do all the labouring Work of the Houſe, according as

he ſhall be directed from Time to Time by the Matron.

V. That the Salary of the Porter be Five Pounds per Annum, with a Coat, Waſhing, Lodging, and Diet.

RULES

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CONCERNING THE

HOUSE-VISITORS.

I. THAT two (or more) Contributors be appointed, at every Weekly Board, to viſit the Houſe, together or by Turns, once every Day for the enſuing Week, in Courſe, as they ſtand in the Liſt alphabetically: That they have Notice given them by the Secretary on the *Saturday* preceding: That if ſuch Perſons cannot ſerve, the Committee do appoint the next in Order in their Stead: And if one or both of theſe ſhould at any Time be indiſpoſed, or, from any other Cauſe, not be able to attend, he or they ſhall have Power to appoint, in Writing, ſome other Contributor or Contributors to officiate in their Stead.

II. That the Viſitors make the following Enquiries, viz.

1. Whether Prayers have been duly read?

2. Whether

2. Whether any of the In- or Out-Patients, or Servants, have been guilty of Curſing, Swearing, Drinking, abuſive or indecent Language, or any other diſorderly Behaviour?

3. Whether the Patients have been well and orderly attended by the Phyſicians and Surgeons, as well as by the Apothecary, Nurſes, and Servants?

4. Whether the Proviſions are good, have been duly weighed, and diſtributed according to the Rules of the Infirmary; and whether proper Entrances have been regularly made relating to theſe Particulars?

5. Whether the Matron ſee that the Gates be opened and locked up at the appointed Times, and take the Keys into her own Cuſtody?

6. Whether ſhe follow the Directions given her when any of the Viſitors fail in their Attendance?

7. Whether ſhe take Care that the Rules of the Infirmary be obſerved, and publicly read in the Wards every *Sunday* Morning, and ſee that all the Patients be in their reſpective Wards every Morning and Evening?

8. Whether

8. Whether all the Patients (except thoſe ordered to the contrary by their Phyſician or Surgeon) ariſe at Seven in the Summer, and Eight in the Winter; and go to Bed at Ten in the Summer, and Nine in the Winter?

9. Whether the Apothecary go into the Wards every Morning, and enquire into the State of the Patients' Healths, and make a daily Report of the State thereof to the Phyſicians or Surgeons, at the Time and Place by them appointed?

10. Whether the Apothecary have received any Money, and of whom, for the Uſe of the Sweating-Chair, Hot and Cold Bath, or Electrical Machine; and whether the Patients have been interrupted at their appointed Hours of Bathing, Sweating, &c. by the Admiſſion of any Stranger?

11. Whether he be abſent himſelf from the Hoſpital above two Hours at a Time without Leave; or for any leſs Time, without acquainting the Matron where he is to be found?

12. Whether the Cook have dreſſed the Proviſions neatly, and purſuant to the Rules

Rules of the particular Diet, as directed by the Phyſicians or Surgeons?

13. Whether the Nurſes, Cook, and other Servants, dine together at the ſtated Hour; clean the Wards, and ſerve up the Breakfaſts, at the Time appointed?

14. Whether the Porter ſuffer any of the In-Patients to go out, without Leave from the Phyſicians or Surgeons?

15. Whether he ever let in any Stranger, without acquainting the Matron?

16. Whether any Liquors or Eatables be ever carried out of the Infirmary, or brought in to the Patients?

17. Whether any of the Men-Patients go into the Women's Wards, or Women into the Men's, without Permiſſion of the Matron; or whether any Patients are known to be guilty of Miſbehaviour, either in the Infirmary, or out of it?

18. Whether any other Offence have been committed againſt the Rules and Orders of the Infirmary?

III. That

III. That whilſt the Viſitors examine the Patients, they order the Nurſes and Servants to withdraw; and then afterwards call the other Servants, together with the Apothecary and Matron, before them into the Board-Room, and make the ſame Enquiries of them: And that they forthwith enter their Reports on theſe Heads in the Houſe-Viſitor's Book.

THE

CHAPLAIN.

THAT the Chaplain do conſtantly perform Divine Service, according to the Directions of the Wills of Mrs. MARGARET WEBSTER, and Sir EDMUND ISHAM, Bart. deceaſed; who made Proviſion for this good Work by their generous Bequeſts.

That the Committee do take Care, that Patients of all Perſuaſions may be attended in the Manner they deſire.

All

All Perſons who are diſpoſed to contribute, by Will, to the Support of this Infirmary, are deſired to do it in the following Manner:---

I Give and bequeath unto A. B. *and* C. D. *the Sum of upon Truſt, that they, or either of them, do pay the ſame to the Treaſurer, or Treaſurers, for the Time being, of a Society who call themſelves the* GOVERNORS *of the* GENERAL INFIRMARY, *at* Northampton; *which Sum I direct ſhall be paid out of my perſonal Eſtate, and deſire it may be applied to the charitable Uſes of the ſaid Infirmary.*

DIET-TABLE FOR PATIENTS.

FULL DIET.

SUNDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and ſix Ounces of boiled Mutton, Beef, or baked Veal.
Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

MONDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. Twelve Ounces of Bread-Pudding baked.
Supper. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

TUESDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.
Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and four Ounces of boiled Mutton or Beef.
Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

WEDNESDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. Six Ounces of baked Mutton, Beef, or Veal.
Supper. Two Ounces of Cheeſe, or one of Butter.

THURSDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.
Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and ſix Ounces of boiled Mutton or Beef.
Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

FRIDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. Twelve Ounces of Bread-Pudding baked.
Supper. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

SATURDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.
Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and four Ounces of boiled Mutton or Beef.
Supper. Two Ounces of Cheeſe, or one of Butter.

LOW DIET.

SUNDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and four Ounces of boiled Mutton, Beef, or Veal.
Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

MONDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.
Dinner. Twelve Ounces of Bread-Pudding baked.
Supper. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

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Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and two Ounces of boiled Mutton or Veal.

Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

WEDNESDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.

Dinner. A Pint of Furmenty or Rice-Milk.

Supper. Two Ounces of Cheeſe, or one of Butter.

THURSDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and four Ounces of boiled Mutton or Beef.

Supper. A Pint of Gruel.

FRIDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Broth.

Dinner. Twelve Ounces of Bread-Pudding baked.

Supper. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

SATURDAY.

Breakfaſt. A Pint of Milk-Pottage.

Dinner. A Pint of Broth, and two Ounces of boiled Mutton or Veal.

Supper. Two Ounces of Cheeſe, or one of Butter.

Each Patient on full Diet is allowed a Pint and a Half of Beer per Day; and each Patient on low Diet a Pint. Alſo, each Patient is allowed a Loaf of Bread, weighing fourteen Ounces, per Day.

THE

OFFICERS of the HOSPITAL

ARE,

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Apothecary's Salary, —	50	0	0
Matron's Ditto, — —	20	0	0
Secretary's Ditto, —	20	0	0
Four Nurſes, each 7*l.* per Ann.	28	0	0
Cook-Maid, — —	7	0	0
Houſe-Maid, — — —	4	0	0
Porter, — — —	9	0	0

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